

DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES (DFHV)
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
FY23 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE REPAIR PILOT

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) is committed to transportation access for people with disabilities. Wheelchair accessible vehicles (“WAV”) taxicab drivers provide an essential service for people with disabilities by increasing community engagement options and sustaining quality of life standards for their customers. In line with this commitment, DFHV is introducing a WAV Repair Pilot program to provide support to eligible owners and operators of WAV taxicabs who have DFHV Operational Authority. DFHV aims to implement a pilot program that offers repair and maintenance subsidies to WAV taxicab owners and operators, enabling them to maintain their vehicles in optimal working condition and ensure passenger safety. The program will be designed as an economic development incentive program with a focus on keeping WAV taxicabs operational and safe. The grant funds shall be awarded with a priority first for independent owner-operators who reside in DC, second for independent owner operators who reside in Maryland or Virginia, and finally to operators who provide WAV taxicab service through District based taxicab companies. Independent owner-operators based in the District seeking to apply for this opportunity should complete the application form (found on the link here: <https://dfhv.dc.gov/grants>). Independent owner-operators with DFHV operational authority who reside in Maryland or Virginia and operators providing service through a District based taxicab company may seek a Digital Taxicab Solution (“DTS”) sponsor to apply and act as the applicant and awardee “pass through.” The applicable Request for Applications (“RFA”) will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria and DFHV terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding. Start date for this project is: June 1, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023).

General Information:

Funding Opportunity Title:	Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Repair Pilot
Funding Opportunity Number:	
Program RFA ID#:	WAV-RP – 01-6-2023
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
DFHV Administrative Unit:	Performance and Program Team
Agency	Department of For-Hire Vehicles
Program Contact:	Charles Lindsay, Account Manager and Project Lead (202-320-6918 or Charles.Lindsay2@dc.gov)
Program Description:	This grant only funds WAV taxicab repairs needed to keep the vehicle well maintained and safe for the driver and customer, and funding is available until exhausted. There is no direct driver compensation, nor will this grant fund

	licensing, certification, registration, or other DFHV, Department of Motor Vehicle, or other taxes, fines or fees levied against the driver or sponsor that is not related to grant program. Funding under the grant opportunity may start with three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) in grant funds, or up to but not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per successful applicant. The grant program funds are subject to DFHV's legal, regulatory authority, and funding availability as well as the possibility of additional funding being infused within the same fiscal year. The number of awards is contingent upon DFHV appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.
Eligible Applicants	Any WAV taxicab owner and operator with a DFHV Operating Authority license who resides in the District of Columbia may apply for this opportunity. Any WAV taxicab owner or operator residing in Maryland or Virginia with a DFHV Operating Authority may seek a DC DTS taxicab company sponsorship to apply.
Anticipated # of Awards:	50-150
Anticipated Amount Available:	\$360,000

Funding Authorization

Legislative Authorization	D.C. Official Code § 50-301.20 (b) (1).
Cost Sharing / Match Required?	None
RFA Release Date:	Thursday, June 1 st , 2023; 9 am EST.
Pre-Application Meeting (Date)	Starting June 1 st , 2023 See Pre-Application Meeting Descriptor Below
Pre-Application Meeting (Time)	Schedule Individual Appointments
Pre-Application Meeting (Location/Conference Call Access)	Effective June 1, 2023; DFHV will offer two customer service options to assist applicants applying for this grant opportunity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk-In (without appointments) services between 9 am – Noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays until August 18 (deadline date for applications), and • Scheduled appointments: Applicants interested in learning more or who would like to ask questions about the RFA are strongly encouraged to contact the Project

	<p>Lead to set up an appointment or to review your application and supporting documentation.</p> <p>To set up an appointment, email Mr. Charles Lindsay, DFHV Account Manager and WAV Repair Pilot Project Lead at: DFHV.Grants@dc.gov.</p>
Application Deadline Date:	Friday, August 18, 2023;
Application Deadline Time:	Midnight (12:00 a.m.) EST
Links to Additional Information about this Funding Opportunity	<p>DC Grants Clearinghouse http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse.</p> <p>DFHV Grant Funding Website https://dfhv.dc.gov/grants</p>

Notes:

1. DFHV reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments after the issuance of the NOFA or RFA, or to rescind the NOFA or RFA.
2. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds.
3. Contact the program manager assigned to this funding opportunity for additional information.
4. DFHV is in a secured building. Government issued identification must be presented for entrance.